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Project Title

Free Choice vs. Random Numbers

Abstract

Objectives/Goals

The reason I chose this project was to see if there were any similarities between random number generation and free choice. My experiment is related to mathematics and human behavior. I also chose it because I was interested in learning how a random number generator works and how they are used.

Methods/Materials

- 1. A random number generator. 2. Piece of paper with the number One through Four clearly written on it.
- 3. Note book to record results of tests. I made a sheet that had four colors; blue, orange, yellow, and green. Then I had to make a column to write which number the subject chose and color that was chosen out of the random number generator. Then I tested one hundred people.

Results

The outcome of my experiment is that there really is not a similarity between random generation and free choice. You can see in my graphs that people favor the number three and dislike the number one.

Conclusions/Discussion

The only major conclusion in my experiments that one out of a sample of one hundred people, there favorite number is three and really no one chose the number one. For further study if I were to do this again I would use more test Subjects. If I used one thousand subjects it would be perfect since my random number generator did not come out perfect.

Summary Statement

Free choice and random numbers.

Help Received

my mother for helping me with typing my report . and my father for helping me build the number generator.